



# The Orderboard

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



*Ray's Street Railway - Photo by Richard Johnson*

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## President's Message

What a successful train show we had this year, in all the aspects. The Board of Directors and I would like to thank all of the volunteers, as well as the ones that worked on their layouts, as you all contribute making this event the biggest train show in Canada. Please join me to give the SUPERTRAIN Committee, led by Rob Badminton, a special thank you for all of their time over the past several months. Please see Rob's report in this edition for more details.



***President's Message Continued...***

Summer is almost here, and this is the off season for most of the modelers, except of course the Garden Railroaders! The Board of Directors will meet once more in June, then take a break until early September. There are some ongoing discussions about CMRS events in the fall that are not yet confirmed. You will be notified if any of them happen.

I wish you all a great summer!

*Daniel Charest  
President, CMRS*

**NOTICE OF MOTION  
AMENDMENT OF CMRS BYLAWS**

The current CMRS Bylaws limit the term of the President to one year, and to only once during his/ her current term on the board. The first year is a learning year for a new president; and the experience gained, and relationships formed, would be very useful to the Society if he/ she could serve a second term or longer. This term limitation is also very unusual for clubs and societies similar to ours.

The Board would like to have the option of allowing the President to continue in office past his/ her first year. The maximum term would still be limited by the term limits for Directors, which are not affected by this change. Every year the President would have to be appointed or re-appointed by the members of the Board, who are the direct appointments of the membership and the various charter groups and clubs.

It is proposed to replace paragraph 8.2 of the CMRS bylaws, Section 8 OFFICERS, which currently reads:

“8.2 The term of office of the President shall be one year and a Director may hold the office of President only once during his/her current term on the board.”

with

“8.2 Deleted”

This change will be discussed and put to a vote at the 2013 AGM in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Bylaws.

Jim Ironside  
Secretary  
CMRS Board of Directors

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(November 16)

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## SUPERTRAIN



## SUPERTRAIN REPORT

What a weekend! Mother Nature gave us almost perfect weather for a train show - cold with even a bit of snow - in April! Yes, I know, it was no fun for our ticket sellers with that north wind blowing into the booths. But what the weather did was encourage people to come to SUPERTRAIN, and boy, did they ever.

By the time the last ticket was sold on Sunday afternoon, we had welcomed 13,599 guests through the doors. This is a new record for SUPERTRAIN, at least for the Soccer Centre, passing our old record by 815. The public was generous too, bringing 1630 pounds of food donations for the Food Bank, and donating \$4,711.56 in cash. The cash total includes \$1,653.48 collected by Iron Horse Park while giving rides to 3,673 passengers on the upper Mezzanine, and \$1,925 dropped into Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders' hopper car train. RMGR is pleased to report that they paid close attention to the ever-increasing weight of the train and avoided any engine burnouts this year.

The quality of the exhibits was exceptional. There were a total of 42 layouts and displays, coming from all over Western Canada plus our first US layout, the Spokane International from Bellingham, Washington. Our 60 commercial exhibitors included many local and regional hobby shops, art galleries, photographers, rail museums, and an ever-increasing number of manufacturers from all parts of North America. The South Bank Theatre was packed to standing-room only for several of the beginner clinics, and the active modeling demonstrations by Wolverine Lynx and South Bank were very popular with attendees. The Children's Play Area and Freckles the Face Painter were over-run with little people all weekend, proving that our show has something for everyone in the family.

The Saturday Evening Gala at the Glenmore Inn was outstanding in every way, from the delicious buffet meal to a very entertaining presentation by Laurie Kitchen on 50 Years of Riding Trains, Part 2. Many of our 260 guests went home with some of the wonderful raffle and door prizes provided at cost by our generous commercial exhibitors. VIA Rail Canada also donated a set of four tickets for a round trip from Edmonton to Vancouver which were won by John Ambrose.

The Gala was also where the winners of the awards were announced. In the Scale Modeling category, the winner was LaBaJa Model Railway Group, Runner-up #1 was Salmon Arm Model Railway Society, and Runner-up #2 was Larry Dickenson's O-scale layout. In the Fun category, the winner was Calgary Lego Train Builders, Runner-up #1 was Rocky Mountain Garden Railway, and Runner-up #2 was Thomas Goes Nowhere. The Mark Eastman Award was given to Mort Spelman of Red Deer, and the People's Choice Award by guest popular vote was won by Salmon Arm Model Railway Society. Finally, a very special award was presented to Roger Walker for achieving the NMRA's Master Model Railroader accreditation.

For the first time, an on-line survey was set up to capture some of our guests input and opinions. As of mid-May, 92 people had submitted surveys. Among other things, we have learned that over 75% of guests are from Calgary, most had attended the show in the past, the majority spent more than 2 hours at the show and over two-thirds bought something, generally over \$50. Over a third came to the show for two days. It is apparent that word of mouth promotion by our members is important to let people know about the show. Many of the survey respondents took the opportunity to write in some comments too. Most were very complimentary, but a few were critical of certain things like parking, the washrooms, crowding, and lighting. Where we can control or influence these things, the Committee will try to make improvements. In the case of the parking tickets some of our guests received while at the show, Rick Walker contacted the Parking Authority and was successful in getting most of the tickets rescinded.

As everyone knows, staging a big event like SUPERTRAIN takes a huge amount of time and effort by many people. First, I would like to thank the over 200 people who committed their time over the weekend to help with move-in and move-out, sell and collect tickets, count money, hand out Show Guides, provide security, find lost parents, stamp hands, and all of the other tasks which are needed. Also, without the 400 or so people who are exhibitors, there wouldn't be anything to show. Finally, and at the risk of perhaps missing someone, I would like to mention a few specific people for their huge contributions in making SUPERTRAIN 2013 a fabulous success. The SUPERTRAIN Committee includes Rick Walker, Steve Klein, Julia Harrison, Jon Calon, Jeff Burk, Monty Schnieder, John Wrinch, Linda Laroche, Steve Ramsey, Tony Scheiwiller, Todd Kennedy, Daniel Charest, Richard Johnson, Neil Enock, John Lund, and Rob Badmington. Thanks to Scotty Beaton for bringing a whole



bunch of enthusiastic Scouts to help wherever they were needed, and to Alan Pile for bringing Iron Horse Park trains to ride on. Finally, I would like to recognize all the assistance and support of Perry Logan and his staff at the Subway Soccer Centre over the past six years we have held SUPERTRAIN there. We hope that we get similar cooperation from the new management as the City of Calgary takes over operation of the facility.

*Rob Badmington  
Show Chairman  
SUPERTRAIN 2013*

## Cranberry Storage Barn

### *A Versatile Economy-priced Kit*

Are you interested in trying to build a well-made laser-cut building kit? If so, the Cranberry Storage Barn is an affordable, versatile craftsman kit that should be at home on any layout. This kit is even suitable for a beginner. Produced by Mount Blue Model Co., located near Cape Cod, Massachusetts, it is not surprisingly, based on the structures that abound by the nearby cranberry bogs.

Importantly, the kit can be modified to suit your modelled locale. I modelled it as a lobster pound, though it could just as easily be a maple sugar house, a small engine shop, rural retailer, or general storage building.

The components are well-packaged, and clearly referenced to the parts diagram provided. Helpful, accurate illustrations are included.

The instructions are clear, straightforward and provided in the correct sequence. It is a tab-in-slot kit, which means that it is self-aligning. Since the floor is solid and the building is closed in at an early stage, some advanced thought is required if you intend to create an interior and include lighting. They do not call for you to brace the walls, but my preference is to do so as a safeguard against any possible warping, particularly if you paint with water-based acrylics. They suggest use of Elmer's™ carpenter glue and ACC, but I stick with my trusty Formula 560™ Canopy Glue.

When I installed the roof, I broke out one of the slots, but this was easily re-glued and concealed under the corrugated roofing material. Care must be taken when fitting roof sections #1 and #2, and you will want to bevel and test-fit to get the roof to nest tightly on the wall tabs. The end result was very satisfactory, but don't rush this step. Mount Blue helpfully reminds you to paint the underside of the roof overhangs, something that many manufacturers omit to mention. They recommend adding some glue to the adhesive-backed





building trim, and this is a good idea. The windows are of the "peel and stick" variety, which affords you the opportunity to have some windows open. I prefer this approach to the use of the plastic Tichy™ and Grandt™ windows, as it gives you the opportunity to personalize the building. Mount Blue gives you an extra window just in case you muck one up. Be sure to paint the window part sheets before breaking them out for assembly. They provide a clear mylar sheet for the windows and this allows good viewing of the interior. They caution not to use ACC on this so to avoid the risk of crazing of the window ... good advice. I used my canopy glue, applied sparingly with a toothpick to fix the pane of glass into the frame. However, I would not recommend using Canopy Glue to create the window panes themselves.

The corrugated roofing looks really neat when weathered slightly; I used Bragdon™ powders to give it the appearance of having somewhat suffered under the elements.

The building structure is set on posts that would rest on the ground next to the bog (a very wet area) to preserve it. The underneath side of the floor has post holes into which you insert the posts. The posts provided are a scale 1½ foot tall. As I was modeling a lobster pound with dockside unloading, I chose to replace some of them with longer ones that would be set onto rock or concrete footings in the harbour. This was easily done with scale 8" by 8" lumber. The kit comes with two short sets of steps, but of course I lengthened one to allow for the climb up from boats at dockside.

No signage is provided, but you are only limited by your imagination and creativity here. The door hinges are a nice touch, and deserve to be highlighted in black or galvanized metal grey.

This kit is easily built in four or five evenings and a great value at \$39 USD for the HO Scale kit. It is also available in N, S, and O scales at different price points. It is an ideal kit for a new craftsman builder gaining experience and confidence.



When I bought my kit at the Seattle Narrow Gauge Convention, I picked one up for a friend as well. Look at his results above. He used a shingled roof of his own and also cloned a structure to show one under construction!! This is a versatile, fine kit and is still available directly from :

<http://www.mountbluemodelco.com>.

Mount Blue will be one of 33 vendors already announced for the Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo 2013 on November 7-8-9 in Pittsfield MA. More on that show in a future article ....

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**Rail Fan Events**

I would like to start by thanking all the folks that participated on both tours Thursday, May 23rd we had 9 and on Saturday, May 25th we had 19. We had a great host Wayne for the Oliver Bowen LRT Maintenance Facility, he was very informative and would answer any question we had. I was hoping to have another Railfan event over the summer months but I haven't been able to get things lined up, hope you all have a great summer and any suggestions please let me know. [dave@keddes.com](mailto:dave@keddes.com)

*Dave Landels*

**For Sale - Marklin**

5 Locomotives, 10 Passenger cars, 20 Rolling stock, 4 Transformers [controllers], Various pieces of track with pin centre powerline and with solid centre powerline, switches, and assorted accessories, switch controls, wires, plug ins, etc.

I can be reached by email [warrenclark@theeastshore.net](mailto:warrenclark@theeastshore.net) or 250-223-8348. I live in B.C, but frequently come to Calgary.

Warren Clark

**For Sale - HO**

Kato SD40-2 Canadian National #593, DC, \$125; Roundhouse 2-8-0 Canadian Pacific #3242 with DC/DCC sound equipped, \$100; Atlas GP 38 E&N Railfreight #3004, DC, \$100; 2 Walthers Trainline EMD F40PH, DC Via Rail # 6406 (needs couplers), \$40 and Via Rail # 6444, \$40; Kato RS3 Undecorated, \$ 40

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**The Calgary Model Railway Society**  
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**From the Editor's Desk**

SuperTrain has come and gone for another year and, as reported above, it was a great success this year. For me, SuperTrain represents the end of the Model Railroading season, I occasionally go down to the basement on a rainy day, but summers are spent outdoors. It is also a good time to take in a train trip or two. I was shocked a few years ago when I was taking the White Pass and Yukon Excursion, to overhear some guy, probably in his 40's, get on the train and remark that it was the first time he had ever ridden on a train! If that is you, or it has been a long time since you actually rode a train, take some time this summer for a trip. Despite some bad press, VIA Rail is actually a very pleasant way to travel, much nicer than being shoehorned into a little aluminium tube and launched into the sky at a million miles and hour!

I am looking at taking the Skeena from Edmonton to Prince Rupert, reports are that it is a great trip and not very expensive, especially if you go in the off season. If you have the budget, the Rocky Mountaineer can't be beat, or maybe it is a shorter trip up to Stettler to ride behind a steam engine. It is also a good time to visit some of museums and do some research. Never know what you might find!

While you are out there, it is a great opportunity to take some photos. Note the following notice about Heritage Park's photo contest for Railway Days. A good excuse to try to get some interesting photos.



This will be our last issue until the fall. See you at the Mini-Meet and Annual General Meeting on October 20th.

*Brent Ciccone  
Editor*

### **Railway Days Photo Contest**

Categories: [1] Model Railway Display, [2] Heritage Park Railway, or [3] Open Category

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Saturday June 8, 10 am - 4 pm	Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Spring Open House 619 - 12 Ave SE, Calgary AB
June 15-16th, 2013	Aspen Crossing Train Days, Mossleigh, AB, <a href="http://www.aspencrossing.com/#!tran-days/c1ea7">http://www.aspencrossing.com/#!tran-days/c1ea7</a>
August 16-18, 2013	10th Annual Alberta Free-Mo, Big Valley, AB
September 21, 22 2013	Greater Edmonton Train Show, Millennium Place, Sherwood Park, <a href="http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/">http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/</a>
September 28, 29	Railway Days at Heritage Park
<b>October 20, 2013</b>	<b>CMRS Fall Mini-Meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB</b>
October 19-20, 2013	Manitoba Mega Train Show and Sale, Winnipeg, MB., <a href="http://www.vectorgardentrains.ca/Mega-Train.page">http://www.vectorgardentrains.ca/Mega-Train.page</a>
November 7-10, 2013	Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo 2013, Pittsfield, MA. <a href="http://modelrailroadexpo.com">http://modelrailroadexpo.com</a>

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